(b) the number of these collaboration involving technical fees and equity participation separately; and

(c) the outflow of foreign exchange by companies in the foodprocessing sector on account of foreign collaborations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) 20 Indian companies have been accorded approval for technical/financial collaboration with foreign companies for manufacture of processed foods during 1985, 1986 and 1987. Out of these, foreign equity participation is in 8 companies.

(c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Production and sale of soft drinks

2233. SHRI CHANDIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the installed capacity of Double Seven soft drinks vis-a-vis Campa Cola, Thrill and Thums Up;

(b) what is the daily production and sale of Double Seven as compared to Campa Coa, Thrill and Thums up; and

(c) what is the profit/loss position of Double Seven during the last 3 years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Modern Food Industries (I) Limited have stated that they do not have a bottling plant of their own for production of Double Seven. Production is done by various franchised bottlers and the company only produces and supplies the concentrates base for Double Seven to the franchised bottlers. As regards capacity, production etc., of other brands of soft drinks, such brandwise details of private sector companies are not maintained by Government.

According to Modern Food Industries (I) Limited, the sale of concentrate as well as profit/loss of the company for the carbonated soft drink follows:—

	Sale (in units of 10 KGS	Profit/loss (Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86 . .	5332	(-)16.86
1986-87 . .	4721	(+) 7.96
1987-88 . .	2348	(-) 2.34

Inclusion of fruit and vegetable machinery in specified items

2234. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased in state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food processing machines have been restricted to labour saving devices; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether fruit and vegetable machinery for preserving them have not been included in the list of 34 specified items.

(c) whether there is more emphasis on meat processing and less on fruit and vegetable processing machinery; and

(c) whether Government propose to allow import of fruit and vegetable processing machinery at a concessional rate of import duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. The food processing machinery also help in improving the quality of the product and in increasing productivity.

(b) Fruit and vegetable processing machinery which help in preservation have also been included in the 34 specified items.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No proposal is under consideration to extend fresh concession in import duty to the fruit and vegetable processing machinery.

Import duty on food processing machinery

2235. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fruit and vegetable processing has been given high priority and classified in the thrust area;

(b) whether the import duty reduction to 35 per cent for food processing machinery include all the machinery required for fruit and vegetable processing; and

(c) if not, what are the items for which the duty is 35 per cent and reasons for selecting those items and excluding other fruit and vegetable processing machinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Fruit and Vegetable processing industry has not been declared as Appendix-I industry so far.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A list of 34 items of food processing machinery in respect of which import duty has been reduced to 35 per cent is attached. (See below) These items have been identified as essential from the point of view of processed food industry with particular reference to the export of such goods.

List of 34 items of food processing machinery in respect of which import duty has been reduced to 35 per cent.

1. Food processing machines namely—

   Fruit and vegetable cutting coring, vubing, slicing, seeding; clearing, removing and stem removing machines.

2. Macaroni, needles, sphagetti, vermicelli manufacturing machinery.

3. Vacuum fillers.

4. Sauce filling machine.

5. Homogenisers.

6. Meat processing machines, namely—mincing, deboning, mixing, cutting, chopping flaking and skinning machines (industrial types.)

7. Meat tendering equipment.

8. Hamburgers and meat ball forming machines.

9. Lines for battering and frying of meat items.

10. Equipment for production of mechanical deboned meat.

11. Automatic meat filling machine with automatic weighing arrangement

12. Coated|animated|lined carton system.

13. Retortable pouch system.

14. Stalox system.

15. Tray-seal system.

16. Stand-up pouch system.

17 FFC with vacuumising and inert gas flushing.

18. Gas flush packing system for flexible packages.

19. Gas and vacuum packaging system for flexible packages

20. Automatic bottle labelling machine.